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to control or direct the lawsuit. I believe this is acceptable to the Department of Welfare, although it is difficult to speak for them or represent their position because they have several different positions depending upon who you want to talk to over there. But I do think that they could find this amendment acceptable so I move that the bill be returned for the adoption of this amendment. Senator Kennedy might want to talk about it. I don't know.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members, I am sorry no one seems to understand this bill as Senator Cavanaugh has just quoted. I will try and explain it in simple language that if someone would collect on a lawsuit, let's say they had been in a hospital and were injured, the Welfare Department had paid all costs, medical, hospital and so forth. This person had collected this sum of money and it might be any amount of large sum. That the Welfare Department would have the privilege of getting their money back. Now in most states, they have been able to do this. In Nebraska, we haven't and the bill has laid here. It has been discussed thoroughly many times. I think we ought to proceed again, pass the bill. As Senator Cavanaugh has said, the Welfare Department would like to have this bill. They have asked for the bill, and if the head of the Welfare Department doesn't want the bill and you pass it, I am sure the Governor would veto it but I think as we, in Nebraska, good honest sincere citizens, would like to see something done for the people that need help, that we might take this same amount of money and give those people that really need the help the help that is needed. There was approximately \$54,000 in the last six months that we should have been able to return back to the State of Nebraska if you'd have had this bill passed. We laid it over from last year. We have discussed it many times. I have handed out a little handout of a couple of sheets here. We have a lot more information but we went through this so many times that I would ask you to please not return LB 239 to consider any amendments but pass the bill so that we can get on with our work. Again, I say, if you have any questions, I would make it as simple so that we might all understand it. The Welfare Department does want the bill. The State of Nebraska ought to have the bill. We should be able to recover that money. So again I urge you not to accept any amendments but pass the bill on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I thought I understood the bill last year and I think I still understand it. Now I have looked in the bill book where the Clerk says this amendment is and I don't find it and I don't find it in the blue book and I don't know what it says and so I would just be for going on with the bill until I find out what this amendment is.